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SUBJECT:US GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN LAOS

1. THIS TELEGRAM TRANSMITS A STATEMENT OF US FOREIGN
POLICY GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN LAOS. A SEPARATE MESSAGE
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WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATORY INFORMATION ON THE PURPOSE, IM-
PLEMENTATION AND REVIEW OF THESE STATEMENTS.

2. BEGIN TEXT.

I. MAINTENANCE OF RELATIONS WITH LAOS ON A BASIS AS NEARLY
"NORMAL" AS POSSIBLE.

-- CONTINUE TO FUNCTION IN LAOS AS A SYMBOL OF OUR PRESENT

INTEREST IN INDOCHINA AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW GOVERNMENTS IN INDOCHINA.

-- ADJUST TO LOCAL CONDITIONS AND HOST GOVERNMENT POLICIES IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE NEW LAO GOVERNMENT ON A BASIS THAT IS AS NEARLY "NORMAL" AS POSSIBLE.

II. IMPROVED LAO UNDERSTANDING OF U.S. POLICIES TOWARD LAOS AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. - -

-- MAKE PLAINT TO THE LAO AUTHORITIES THAT THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF U.S. RELATIONS WITH THE INDOCHINA STATES WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECTED BY THEIR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS TOWARD THEIR NON-COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA.

-- REASSURE THE LAO AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS NO HOSTILE INTENTION TOWARD LAOS OR THE OTHER INDOCHINA STATES AND THAT WE ARE NOT SUPPORTING SABOTAGE OR RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES IN LAOS.

III. CONTINUED EFFORTS TOWARD RESOLUTION OF MIA PROBLEM.

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-- CONTINUE TO PRESS THE LAO GOVERNMENT ON THE ISSUE OF CASUALTY RESOLUTION. UNDERLINE FOR THE LAO THE IMPORTANCE THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE ATTACH TO OBTAINING AS FULL AN ACCOUNTING AS POSSIBLE FOR OUR MISSING IN LAOS.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF ONLY U.S. "LISTENING POST" IN INDOCHINA. END TEXT.
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